CITY OF HOMER 1 2 **HOMER, ALASKA** 3 Lord/Venuti/Erickson **ORDINANCE 19-47(S-2)** 4 5 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA 6 7 REPEALING HOMER CITY CODE 2.76 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION, REQUIRING ECONOMIC FINDINGS TO 8 ACCOMPANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CITY COMMISSIONS, 9 ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL MAYORAL APPOINTMENT TO THE 10 KENAI PENINSULA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD 11 OF DIRECTORS CITY OF HOMER SEAT AND ENCOURAGING 12 APPOINTMENT OF TASK FORCES TO ADDRESS TIMELY 13 **COMMUNITY ISSUES-CREATING AN ANNUAL PROCESS FOR THE** 14 CITY TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON PRIORITIZED 15 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, AND AMENDING HOMER 16 2.58.020 CREATION OF CITY BOARDS AND 17 CITY CODE COMMISSIONS TO DELETE (E) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 18 19 ADVISORY COMMISSION. 20 21 WHEREAS, The strength of Homer's economy, including the business community and 22 quality of life, is an overarching consideration for all of the City's Commissions and the City Council: and 23 24 WHEREAS, City representatives participate with the Homer Marine Trades Association, 25 the Homer Chamber of Commerce, and the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District 26 27 (KPEDD); and 28 29 WHEREAS, The City of Homer Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) overlaps in many ways with the Homer Comprehensive Plan, including within Chapter 7 30 Economic Vitality; and 31 32 33 WHEREAS, on behalf of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, the KPEDD regularly produces and annually updates a CEDS inclusive of the entire Kenai Peninsula Borough; and 34 35 WHEREAS, The Kenai Peninsula Borough CEDS 2019 Update includes many of the 36 tenants of the Homer CEDS (last updated in 2011) that may not be included in the Homer 37 Comprehensive Plan; and 38 39 40 WHEREAS, The majority of the tasks within the Homer CEDS are targeting actions for the City Council, and when recommendations for City Council actions are needed they would 41

be best drafted by specific-issue Task Forces created by Council and the Mayor; and

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WHEREAS, The few tasks identified for the EDC in the Homer Comprehensive Plan are providing reviews and updates; and

WHEREAS, CEDS reviews and updates should be completed in partnership with the KPEDD, and Comprehensive Plan updates occur on a 5-10 year cycle and are not best suited for the time and expense of a standing City Commission; and

WHEREAS, City Commissions can recommend to City Council and Council can appoint Task Forces to address timely issues of concern to the community, including those related to economic development; and

WHEREAS, Focusing limited City resources is critically important to ensure the efficient and productive response to concerns and answering questions; and

WHEREAS, Maximizing citizen involvement to answer specific questions and provide recommendations through the Task Force model will enhance public engagement and provide for targeted efforts that are most viable for City action.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. HCC 2.76 is repealed.

Section 2. HCC 2.58.020 is amended as follows:

2.58.020 Creation of City boards and commissions.

The following commissions and boards have been created by City Council and are subject to this chapter unless otherwise provided in this title:

- a. Library Advisory Board;
- b. Parks, Art, Recreation, and Culture Advisory Commission;
- c. Port and Harbor Advisory Commission;
- d. Planning Commission;
- e. Economic Development Advisory Commission.

 Section 3. City Council shall consider creating Task Forces in accordance with the City Council Operating Manual (per Resolution 19 051) in proactive response to timely issues of concern to the community. Annually during the first quarter, staff shall circulate the Comprehensive Plan's Economic Vitality Chapter, highlighting the implementation table, amongst Departments, Commissions, Committees, Boards, and other community

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ABSENT:

84 stakeholders with a request to provide City Council with priorities, additional opportunities, needs, concerns, and suggestions for implementation. The City Council 85 shall hold an annual Economic Development Priorities worksession, during which they 86 87 shall set their top three priorities and develop strategies for working on these EDPs over the year. 88 89 90 Section 4. Throughout the year, Rrecommendations to City Council from the 91 Planning Commission, Port & Harbor Advisory Commission and the Park, Arts, Recreation and Culture Advisory Commission City commissions should include any relevant economic 92 93 development nexus information for City Council review. 94 95 Section 5. The Mayor shall appoint a member of the Homer Business Community to fill the City of Homer seat on the KPEDD Board of Directors who shall report to the City Council on 96 a quarterly basis at least annually and who shall additionally work with the City Council, 97 Mayor, and the City Manager's office to strategically engage with KPEDD on the regional 98 99 CEDS update in order to gather and promote inclusion of Homer-specific economic development priorities and needs. 100 101 Section 6. This ordinance is of a permanent and general nature and shall be included in 102 Homer City Code, effective January 1, 2020. 103 104 ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this __ day of _____, 201920. 105 106 107 CITY OF HOMER 108 109 110 111 KEN CASTNER, MAYOR 112 113 114 ATTEST: 115 116 117 MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK 118 119 120 121 YES: 122 NO: 123 ABSTAIN:

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